



Dear «Preferred_Name»,

Sunday, September 11, 2011 marks the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Through various observances on September 11, the City of San José will remember this tragic day and the senseless loss of nearly 3,000 lives during the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Flags will fly at half-staff at City facilities including San José City Hall and Mineta San José International Airport on September 11th.

A group of San Jose Churches has banded together to present a faith-based commemoration ceremony, which will be held at the San Jose Giants Municipal Stadium (588 East Alma Avenue) on September 11. This event, which begins at 10am, is an opportunity for the community to come together to honor and express their respect for those lost on that tragic day and to show respect for those still working every day to protect our country and its citizens. This service will honor the lives lost that day, the men and women who currently serve protecting our city as police officers and firefighters and the men and women serving in the military. A live band will perform patriotic and faith-filled songs. A free lunch will be served immediately after the ceremony including hot dogs, chips and fresh-squeezed lemonade. Children are welcome and the San Jose Giant's mascot Gigante will be there during lunch. For more information call 408-499-9790.

The San José Fire Department will hold a 9/11 Patriot Day ceremony in downtown San José on Sunday, September 11. The event begins at 11:30 am with mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph on 80 South Market Street. A Memorial March down Market Street to Fire Station One will follow at 12:40 pm. A "Ringing of the Last Alarm" ceremony will take place at 1 pm at Fire Station One, 250 North Market Street, followed by an open house at Fire Station One at 1:30 pm. The "Ringing of the Last Alarm" will remember those first responders who gave up their lives to save others. For more information, contact Lenka Wright, Public Communications Manager, City Manager's Office, at 535-8113.

However you chose to observe the 10th anniversary of September 11th, it will be a difficult day for many of us.

I sincerely hope we never experience a tragedy like this again,



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September 11th Commemoration

We are inviting our city to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the attacks on 9/11. This faith-based service will honor the 3,000 lives lost that day, the men and women who currently serve protecting our city, and the men and women who are serving in the military.

Sunday, September 11, 2011

10:00 A.M. (early arrival suggested)

San Jose Giants - Municipal Stadium
588 East Alma Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128

Free lunch immediately following the service
Hot dogs, chips, fresh-squeezed lemonade

Bring Your Children
Outside play area available for parents

The service will feature:
 *Patriotic and Faith-filled songs
 *Moments to remember the fallen
 *Time to honor those in protective services (the police, military, Fire, Police, and Military are encouraged to wear their uniforms)
 *Prayer for our country, for our soldiers, and for peace in our world

Honored guests include:
 *Mayor (Guest Host)
 *Members of the San Jose City Council
 *Members of the San Jose Fire Police Departments
 *Members of the San Jose County Fire-Search Departments
 *Current and former members of the US Military

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 Church of the Crosses

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Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember

Congratulations San Jose Unified School District!

Release of the 2011 California Standards Test (CST) results showed that San Jose Unified School District continues to move students toward higher levels of proficiency. The CST is the core exam used to evaluate student achievement in the state of California, and results for SJUSD showed progress across a range of levels and subgroups.

Seventeen of SJUSD's elementary schools demonstrated accelerated achievement in English-language arts (ELA), 5 of 6 middle schools showed gains, and 3 of 6 high schools. Overall, 7 schools experienced a double-digit surge in math; with 2 schools making similar advances in ELA. District-wide, the percentage of students meeting the state's proficiency goals made slight gains of 0.9% in ELA and 1.4% in math.

San Jose Unified School District's vision is to inspire and prepare all students for success in a global economy. Superintendent Dr. Vincent Matthews has charged all SJUSD employees with making a difference in the lives of their students. He says, "It is every employee's obligation that all of San Jose Unified's students succeed". I applaud and congratulate SJUSD for their commitment and success.

San Jose Boards or Commissions

Applications are being accepted for City of San José Boards and Commissions for upcoming and future vacancies. You can make a difference in your community on a number of issues being considered by the:

- ADVISORY COMMISSION ON RENTS (1 SEAT)
- DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION (1 SEAT)
- EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION COMMISSION (5 SEATS)
- HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION (2 SEATS)
- HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (2 SEATS) – Criterion: in some combination, fulfill low-income status and a District 5 resident
- HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (4 SEATS)
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (1 SEAT)
- SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (2 SEATS)
- TRAFFIC APPEALS COMMISSION (1 SEAT)

Qualifications: You must live in the City of San José and have a commitment to being active in the community.

Application Process: Applications will be accepted through 5:00 pm, Friday, **September 9, 2011**. Applications will remain active and on file for one year from the date received. For questions, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1260 or log onto www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/Vacancy.asp for more details.

Animal Services Licensing Amnesty

In June 2011, Council approved an Animal License Amnesty period spanning September 1 – October 31. During the Amnesty period, there will be no citations or late fees and each resident who licenses a dog or cat, or adopts a dog or cat from the shelter will be entered for a chance to win one \$1,000 grand prize, or one of four \$500 runner-up prizes. All prizes have



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**Dr. Vincent Matthews,
Superintendent of the San
Jose Unified School District**



**Congratulations Troop
390 Eagle Scouts!**

**Day of the Bay:
A Multicultural Festival**
Saturday, September 17
11am – 4pm
Alviso Marina County Park
1195 Hope Street Alviso
For more information, contact
Steve Blomquist at
408-299-5030 or [send an email.](#)

been donated by the Pet Awareness and Welfare Society for San José Animal Care and Services – PAWS for SJACS.

Online licensing is available and details related to the Amnesty will be posted on the Animal Care and Services website www.sanjoseanimals.com. For more information, contact Animal Care and Services at (408) 794-7297.

Neighborhood Development Training Conference 2011

The United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County in conjunction with San Jose State, Neighborhood Housing of Silicon Valley, and America Works is holding its training conference on October 8, 2011. The conference will feature a keynote speaker, a resource fair, and several break-out sessions that attendees can select. Sessions include How to Deal with Problem Properties, Community Policing for Neighborhood Safety, Using the Internet as a Community Organizing Tool, and Stabilizing Neighborhoods in Difficult Economic Times. For more information, contact Michael LaRocca at (408) 564-2374 or mlroo1@sbcglobal.net.

Safe Green Halloween

CommUniverCity is starting early this year to collect gently used Halloween costumes for the Safe and Green Halloween event. The goal is to collect 1,000 costumes for redistribution. Donate anytime you'd like but remember that the goal is 1,000 costumes. To follow the progress and get updates, visit www.facebook.com/communivercitysj. For more information, call 408-297-3301.

San José Partners with Catalog Choice to Reduce Waste One Mailbox at a Time

Residents and businesses are urged to sign-up with Catalog Choice, a free online service to help San José residents reduce the amount of unwanted junk mail such as catalogs, coupons, credit solicitations, and phone books they receive. Catalog Choice is a non-profit organization and currently has over 1 million registered users.

This service will help the City achieve its Green Vision Zero Waste goal of diverting 100 percent of waste from landfills. To sign up for Catalog Choice, go to <http://sanjose.catalogchoice.org>. For more information, contact the Environmental Services Department at (408) 535-8550.

Foreclosure/ Loan Modification Fraud

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office is warning homeowners about foreclosure and loan modification fraud.

If you are facing foreclosure, the DA's Office is taking action to help. Recently, the DA's Office prosecuted and convicted two defendants for running a business that promised homeowners behind on their mortgages that the homeowner could get their mortgage terms changed. These con artists convinced scared homeowners to stop speaking with their lender and instead pay the defendants an advance fee. With the help of the San Jose Police Department, the defendants' business was shut down and they were sentenced to several years in state prison and ordered to pay back the victim homeowners.

The "Con Artists" violated the Foreclosure Consultants Act. It is a crime for anyone, even an attorney or real estate agent, to collect advance fees to perform loan modification services on a home mortgage. Instead, use a HUD-certified foreclosure counselor. Find one by calling the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Foreclosure Help Hotline at (408) 794-1242.

The District Attorney's Office also sends a letter to most homeowners whose home gets a notice of foreclosure, officially called a Recorded Notice of Default. In the letter, the DA's Office tells you about the Foreclosure Help Hotline and the key points of the Foreclosure Consultants Act.

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- Stop gang involvement

Note: The fee for the program is \$120.00/person or \$135.00/couple (limited is provided). Limited Scholarships available.

Parent Project is a collaboration among the District Attorney's Office, the City of San Jose and the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, Law Enforcement Agencies, School Districts, Community Organizations, and Counseling Agencies countywide striving to keep kids safe.

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Free Landscape Class in San Jose

Alternatives to the Lawn Culture

Learn how to replace your lawn with beautiful CA native plants for a sustainable, low maintenance, and water wise garden.

Saturday, October 15, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Vineland Branch Library (Community Room)
1450 Blossom Hill Road



Registration is required.
Email landscape@bawasca.org or
call 650-349-3000 to register.



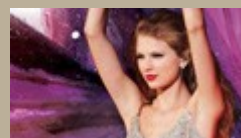
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Layout of San Jose Family Camp



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Arts Calendar – fun things to do around town!



Taylor Swift: Speak Now

You can get more information from the DA's Office by leaving a message on the District Attorney's Real Estate and Foreclosure Fraud Hotline at (408) 792-2879.

San José Family Camp Draft Master Plan Posted for Public Viewing

The City is in the process of reviewing its future plans for San Jose Family Camp which is located in the heart of the Sierras near Yosemite National Park. This scenic camp provides a retreat where guests of all ages can fish, hike, swim, participate in organized programs or just sit back, relax and take it easy.

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) has posted the Draft Master Plan for San José Family Camp at the following link: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/familycamp/. The Master Plan will be used to define the proposed project for environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Master Plan will be submitted to City Council for approval following public review and comments on the document. Concurrently, staff is evaluating the business case for entering into a new 20-year lease with the United States Forest Service and will be presenting this evaluation to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee in September and to the City Council shortly thereafter. For more information, contact PRNS at (408) 535-3570.

Library offers back-to-school help for parents

As children head back to school, the Almaden Branch Library would like you to know that it has resources that can help children succeed. The library's educational resources center has books for parents that cover test prep, math and English. There are books introducing the content each grade will cover, such as *Making the Grade*, *Everything Your 1st Grader Needs to Know*. Also in the collection are the Scholastic Explains Homework series as well as a book dealing with reading comprehension and critical thinking. To contact the Almaden Branch Library, please call (408) 808-3040.

Santa Clara County's Almaden Expressway Improvement Project

Drivers who use Almaden Expressway will soon get some traffic reprieve. Construction of the Almaden Expressway Operational Improvement Project has been approved by the County Board of Supervisors and is scheduled to start in early September. The project area goes from Blossom Hill Road to Branham Lane, which is the most congested section of the expressway, as drivers commute to and from Almaden Valley, access shopping, and enter and exit from Highway 85. Visit the County Roads [website](#) for more information on the project.

Community Meeting for Rancho Del Pueblo Golf Course

In June 2011, the City Council instructed staff to, "complete outreach, accelerate the sale process and bring the decision to the City Council as soon as possible" for the potential sale of the Rancho Del Pueblo Golf Course. To facilitate the sale, there is a potential to change the land use designation from Public Park/Open Space to Housing. The City will hold a number of community meetings on the potential sale, including a Planning Commission meeting tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2011. The first community meeting to discuss the proposed sale took place on Wednesday, August 17. The second large community meeting is scheduled to take place on September 8, 2011 at the Mexican Heritage Plaza (1704 Alum Rock Avenue). The proposal, including community

Tour

September 1 & 2
HP Pavilion

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Spring Awakening
September 1 – 25
San Jose Repertory
Theatre

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Idomeneo

September 10-25
Opera San Jose at
California Theatre

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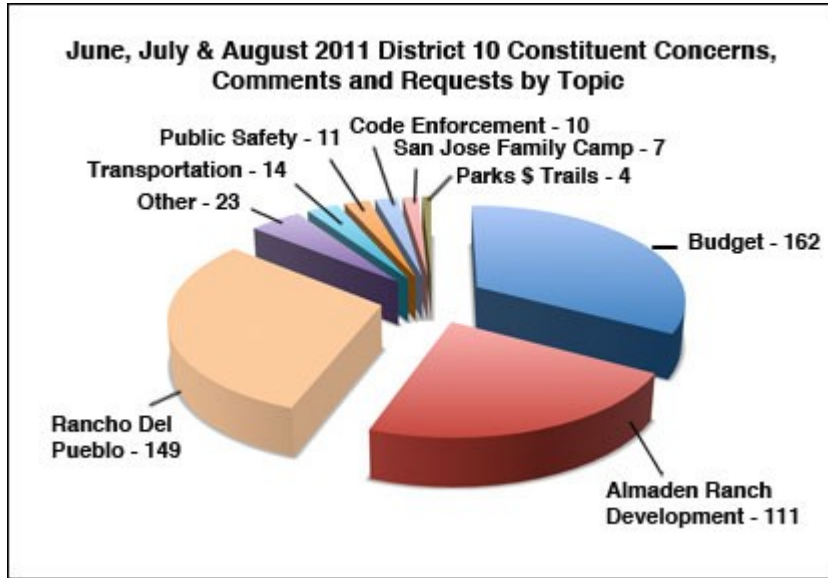
Bandstand Beat

September 16 – October 9
Tabard Theatre Company
at Theatre on San Pedro
Square

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feedback, is scheduled to be presented to Council on October 28, 2011, for a potential decision. For more information, contact the Office of Economic Development at (408) 535-8181.

Constituent Concern Chart:



Community Calendar:

South First Friday

Friday, September 2nd; 7:00pm
South First Street between San Carlos and E. Reed streets
www.southfirstfridays.com/

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 5th

Almaden Senior Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 7th; 9:45am
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue
www.almadenseniors.org/

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 7th; 5:00pm
Location: TBD
www.avca-sj.org

The Tech Museum After Hours

Wednesday, September 7th; 6pm-11pm
www.thetech.org/plan_visit/afterhours/

Almaden Valley Community Association Meeting

Monday, September 12th; 7:00pm
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Avenue
www.avca-sj.org

Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival

Sunday, September 18th; 10am-6pm
Almaden Lake Park
www.almadenwine.com/

Hoffman Via Monte Meeting

Wednesday, September 21st; 6:30pm



Shrek the Musical
September 20-25
San Jose Center for the Performing Arts
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Keith Urban
October 1
HP Pavilion
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H.M.S. Pinafore
October 1-9
Lyric Theatre at Montgomery Theater
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Enrique Iglesias
October 7
HP Pavilion
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Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center, 1180 Blossom Hill Road

Playa Del Rey

Wednesday, September 21st; 6:30pm
Pearl Library; 4270 Pearl Avenue

Early Care and Education Commission Meeting

Monday, September 26th; 7:00pm
MLK Library, 150 E. San Fernando Street, Room 455

VEP Community Meeting

Tuesday, September 27th; 7:30pm
Vista Park Community Room; 475 Hyde Park Drive
www.vepca.net/

Did you know?

In San Jose, 39 percent of job growth comes from first-year startups. Bloomberg Business Week recently did a news piece called "[How Cities Lure Startups](#)," highlighting how San Jose works to attract and grow startups.

Emergency Preparedness Tip

After a major emergency, your family should have two places to meet: A place outside your home in case of damage to your house and a place outside your neighborhood if you cannot return home.

Safety Tip

Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.

Quote

"You cannot teach people anything. You can only help them discover it within themselves."

-Galileo



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October 30
HP Pavilion
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